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Team:

First and foremost, a big thanks to all. We have much going on what with drafting revised chapters and developing our comprehensive response to comments documents. I appreciate the work being done to make all of this come together. I know it's a large effort and folks are putting in a lot of hours. Keep at it, we're almost there.

So just where are we? We are not quite ready to share the next full draft of the assessment report. Close, but not yet. We have most of the revised report put together, but some sections remain a bit rough. Chapter 1 still needs work (that's in my court) and Glenn is working to polish Chapters 8 and 9. Glenn, Kate and I want to go through the

report to polish the writing and presentation of results and make sure we have consistency between chapters. We are anticipating to have a fairly complete draft (minus the executive summary) ready for team review by Tuesday, 2/26/2013. What will be needed then is for the entire team to review the report to make sure it reads well, tells a compelling story, is responsive to the numerous comments we received from the public and the peer reviewers, and that all results are firmly supported by that available science. We also want to make sure that in the process of editing we didn't change the messages you meant to convey in previous drafts. Unfortunately, we will need you all to complete this internal review quickly. Comments on Chapters 1 through 6 we need no later than the morning of Friday, March 1. Comments on the remainder of the chapters we need by March 5 or sooner.

As for the response to comments documents, right now the focus is on responses to comments from the peer reviewers. Sheila and Rick have taken on the task of compiling and editing comments. (Thanks Sheila and Rick.) We will be distributing a draft of the draft response to comments document very soon. I am hesitant to set a date until we complete the draft report.

That's the news for now. Let me know if have comments and suggestions, and thanks again for all the hard work.

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